

Lake Station Community Schools
Board of School Trustees Meeting
Wednesday February 18, 2026



Minutes for the Public Meeting with the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Station Community Schools held at Edison Jr. Sr. High School 3304 Parkside Ave., Lake Station, Indiana in the community room at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, February 18, 2026.

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda item for Public Comments. The meeting will be available to watch livestreamed online.

Members Present: Mr. Tenorio, Mr. Music, Mr. Billups

Members Absent: Mr. Wright, Mr. Poweska

Others Present: Dr. Cripliver, Ms. Pepa, Mrs. Whisenant. Ms. Tauber

Mr. Tenorio led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments (3 Minute Limit) [Sign-In]

Comment on agenda items

Other comments for the Board.

Presentation: Recognition of Ms. Brailey's writing students

Mr. Music moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.

AI I. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes

- a. Executive Session – January 21, 2026
- b. Regular Board Meeting – January 21, 2026

2. Financial - Fiscal

Claims:
1/22/26-2/18/26

- a. Approval of claims
January 22, 2026 – February 18, 2026
- b. Approval of Payroll
 - i. January 30, 2026
 - ii. February 13, 2026

Payroll:
1/30/26
2/13/26

3. Extra-Curricular (Hirings)

**Extra-Curricular
Hiring**



4. Donations:

- a. Bailey School received \$153.50 from Costco Workplace Giving Campaign.
- b. Bailey School received \$700.00 worth of material from Donor Choose to Mrs. Birch's class.

Donations:
Costco Workplace
Giving Campaign

Donor Choose

II. Personnel

Mr. Music moved to approve item 1 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.

- AI 1. Accept the resignation and retirement notices effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year from:
- a. George Stahl – Day Custodian at Bailey
 - b. Kathie Stoner – Hamilton 1st Grade teacher
 - c. Joanna Thompson – Edison FACS teacher
 - d. Emily Hand – Cafeteria Assistant at Bailey effective January 19, 2026

**Resignations/
Retirements:**
G Stahl
K Stoner
J Thompson
E Hand

Mr. Billups moved to approve item 2 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Music and unanimously carried.

- AI 2. Approve to hire the following:
- a. Danielle Price – Paraprofessional at Bailey
 - b. Angelleona (Angel) Dewar – Cafeteria assistant at Bailey

Hire:
D Price
A Dewar

III. New Business

Mr. Billups moved to approve item 1 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Music and unanimously carried.

- AI 1. Approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar

**2026-2027 School
Calendar**

IV. Other Business

- IO 1. The next regular school board meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Edison Jr. Sr. High School at 6:30 pm.

View this meeting online via livestream at Lake Station Community Schools' Facebook page and/or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93942205649> | Meeting ID: 939 4220 5649.

The meeting site is accessible; any person requiring further accommodation(s) should contact Ms. Ellen Moss, at the Administration Center at least 48 hours in advance at 219-962-1159, ext. 103.



Schedule 1

School Extracurricular Hirings

Position	Name	Status	Through
Misc. Sponsor/Advisor/Coach (Art Club)	Lily Smrecansky	Teacher	6/4/2026
Softball Coach – Assistant – Varsity	TiAnna Reese	Teacher	6/30/2026
Softball Coach – Head - Varsity	Amaris Guerra	Secretary	6/30/2026
Basketball Coach – Girls Assistant – Junior Varsity	Tori Chabes	Lay	3/31/2026
Basketball Coach – Assistant Girls (Volunteer)	Aniah Lewis	Lay	3/31/2026
Basketball Coach – Assistant Boys (Volunteer)	Nevaeh Mosley	Lay	3/31/2026

ATTEST:

President, David Wright

Vice President, Greg Tenorio

Secretary, Kevin Music

Member, Jordan Billups

Member, Mike Poweska